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The Office of the Director

Preparation for the move into the new downtown library has led to the creation of the **Office of the Director**. The new model requires some modest relocation of staff to the Norris Building.

The make-up of the Office, the locations for those involved and their telephone numbers may be useful:

NAME	ROOM NO.	LOCAL
Dr. L. Vagianos Consultant and Senior Manager	N-707	4830
Irene Sendek Asst Director, Administrative Services	N-703-2	7691
Joseph Princz Assoc. Director, Head, User Services	N-615	7699
Lillian Rublnlicht Planning Services Librarian	N-704	7693
Robert Wrightson Collection Services Librarian	N-530-1	7742
Sam Kalb Technical Services Librarian	LL-100-1	7744
Sandra Boyce	N-703-1	7780
Paola Cicciu	N-703	7781
Natalie Kaloust	N-703-1	7698
Oma Mohamed	N-703-1	7696
Caroll Paradis	N-704	7742
Donna Reid	N-703	7694

The Norris Library Conference room has been moved to N-530 and can be reserved by contacting any of the support staff members in N-703.

Notes from the ASO

Reorganization

The staff has received two memos recently which address organizational change in the context of the opportunity which the upcoming move into the new library has given us. The early memo (September 18/91) spoke about the process which has been established to help us work towards an organizational structure which is expected to result in a more effective use of staff and a more efficient service to our users.

The more recent memo (October 17/91) announced the replacement of the triumvirate with an Office of the Director to help coordinate the planning process. The creation of this office is an interim measure and is not intended to jeopardize or to short circuit the process outlined in the earlier memo. In his capacity as Senior Manager setting the direction and orchestrating change for the Library system, **Dr. Vagianos** needs assistance and advice. The new "Office" is intended to fill this need. However, Unit Heads will not be ignored. The deliberations of the Office of the Director will present proposals and views to them for discussion and consideration.

Hopefully, staff views will also not be neglected. Your input and suggestions must be passed along to the Unit Heads, so that they can be introduced at appropriate times.

"Methodology for Integration of NUSGWUE Employees into the New Library Building"

On October 16, 1991, in compliance with Appendix "J" of the NUSGWUE Collective Agreement, the Library presented the "Methodology of Integration of NUSGWUE Employees into the New Library Building: a Proposal" for consideration by the Labour Relations Committee. The "Methodology" was presented as only one possibility out of many and with the hope and expectation that something meaningful can be worked out for the good of all members and our users as we prepare to operate the Library in a new environment.

In these discussions there is always the desire, quite understandably, to know with precision which positions will be affected. Unfortunately, the Library is still not in a position to answer this question but has tried to cover all possibilities in the scenario it has presented. We know that most positions will not be affected or changed, some will be changed, some will be discontinued and some will be new positions. Given the financial constraints the University faces, the new arrangement must be planned within the present budget. This means there will be no additional positions. We very much hope that eventually the agreed upon methodology for integration, will be fair and humane, and will represent a joint effort by the University and the Administration to minimize the impact of the move on the NUSGWUE group of employees.

The next meeting of the Labour Relations Committee to discuss this matter is scheduled for October 28, 1991.

Canadian Library Conference in Montreal!

On the beautiful sunny and warm days of June 1st to 4th, 1991, the Canadian Library Association (CLA) held its 46th annual conference in Montreal. The theme of the conference was **Libraries: Threads in the Fabric of the Information Society**.

The registration and most sessions took place in the modern and centrally located Montreal Convention Center. Some of the sessions were held nearby in the Hotel Le Meridien.

A number of staff members from the Concordia University Libraries actively contributed to the activities of the CLA conference, including: from TECHNICAL SERVICES, **Margaret Ferley** volunteered her time in the CLA planning committee office on June 2nd; **Mumtaz Hussain** worked at the hospitality booth on June 2nd; **Sam Kalb** met with other members of the McGill Library School Alumni Association on June 2nd; and **Sol Katz** worked at the registration desk on June 3rd. READER SERVICES staff members: **Elaine Bruce** presented information on Résumés and Interviews, while **Tracey Friesen** talked on the Philosophy of Mentoring; **Marlis Hubbard**, from the Guidance Information Center, talked on the Role of the Career Center in the Community. The three presentations were part of the session **Discovering Career Information for Yourself and Your Users**, on June 5th; **Louise Carpentier** presented a paper entitled **A Description and Critique of**

the Quebec Depository Library Program, as one of two speakers on Quebec Official Publications, on June 4th; **Jackie Dealy** assisted in registering delegates on June 2nd; **Sandra Hoffman** and **Sonia Poulin** were co-convenors of the session entitled **The Effect of CD-ROM on Work in the Business Library**, on June 3rd as part of the Business Information Interest Group of CLA; in addition, Sonia chaired the annual meeting of the Business Information Interest Group; **Loren Lerner** participated, along with **Linda Bien** from the Fine Arts Slide Library, in the panel presentation on **Art and Architecture in Canada: A Look to the Future**, on June 3rd; and **Elizabeth Winiarz** contributed her time in welcoming delegates at the hospitality booth on June 2nd.

Congratulations to all!
Louise Carpentier

Promoting the Library

On September 18, 1991, the Library got to show off what it has to offer at the now annual **Academic Services Day**. Once again, different departments ranging from Computer Services, to Guidance Services, to Library Services, took over the mezzanine level of the Hall Building. The Library was fortunate this year, in that an entire wall of the exhibit was reserved for it. Many colourful handouts were made available to visitors, some of which had been especially prepared for that day. Like last year, there was a draw for 5 CD-ROM debit cards. ERIC was there and people were welcome to try it out. A "Discussion starter" video was played, as an example of what our Media Centres have to offer. A Concordia Libraries slide show was also projected throughout the day. Floor plans of both the Vanier Library and of the new library building were on display, as well as computer-generated pictures of what the new building will really look like! These attracted much attention and comment.

The Committee responsible for organizing the affair was chaired by **Diana Maharaj**. The other members were: **Margaret Hume**, **Vicki Lacroix**, **Leyden Pukteris**, **Matt Seebruch**, and **Liz Winiarz**. Committee members took care of everything from preparing the handouts, to setting up, and even to providing a tablecloth for the booth. **Peter Pagé** and **Larry McGoldrick** proved to be invaluable once again with their computer hardware expertise. Many staff members volunteered to spend some time on the booth but unfortunately, not all could be used. Therefore, names were drawn. Those lucky enough to "win", even got a Concordia University T-shirt, compliments of Reader Services! The people who staffed the booth

are: **Ratna Banerjee, Kathryn Barkman, John Barrett, Shelley Blackman, Christopher Bober, Elaine Bruce, Dorothy Cameron, Anne Corbin, Faye Corbin, Pamela Davies, Antonella De Santo, Jaqueline Dealy, Helen Eng, Rose Fong, Pat Grant, Lee Harris, Claude Hébert, Barbara Hultqvist, Margaret Hume, Wendy Knechtel, Charlotte MacLaurin, Yvonne Marshall, Susan Martin, Sonia Poulin, Margaret Robertson, Annabelle Rouse, Luigina Vilenó, Liz Winiarz, and Pat Winston.**

Unfortunately, turnout was not as high as had been hoped for. The probable cause of this is the current repair work on the escalators in the Hall Building. Most of the people that had wandered in by chance last year, did not have to pass by that area at all this year. However, those that did come by all seemed very interested in the different booths, and the Library booth was no exception. Once again, a job well done, and something to look forward to next year.

Diana Maharaj
Luigina Vilenó

Who's Where

Vanier

Vladimir Hakien is on part-time study leave.

Norris

Circulation

Sonia Phan returned to Circulation on September 30th.

Reference

Julia Lin was appointed Reference Clerk, effective October.

Government Publications

Effective October 7th, **Carolyn Pye** has been appointed to a temporary position as Government Publications Clerk, replacing **Karen Yuzwenko**.

SEL

Pat Winston's appointment as Overdues Assistant took effect on October 1st.

Martine Langevin was appointed Senior Stack Attendant effective September 23rd.

Robert Black returned to circulation on September 30th.

Shiva Khatibi has been appointed Reference Clerk, effective October 1st.

Technical Services

Acquisitions

Effective September 4th, **Glennie Henry** was appointed to a position as Kardex Clerk, to replace **Santina Fazio**.

Automated Catalogue Update

Have you been wondering about what's going on with the planned automated catalogue? **Mia Massicotte**, the Systems Librarian, has kindly agreed to fill in **BiblioNews** readers on the current state of affairs.

Right now there is an **Overall Project Team** working on the planned automated system. The members of this Team are: **Jack Fearnley** (Director of Computing Services), **Mia Massicotte**, **Joseph Princz**, **Lillian Rubinlicht**, **Louis Vagianos**, and **John Woodrow** (Assistant Director of Computing Services). Woodrow (and his staff) have worked closely with the Library on the CMF (Circulation Master File) and the Serials Database.

Since the University has formally agreed to funding an automated system, a *request for proposals* (RFP) is being prepared. This is a very detailed document that is sent out to companies who will in turn have to respond to the request, or in other words, make a bid on the project. The Team hopes to have this by the end of 1991.

What about the question of online vs. CD? The Team has not eliminated any possibilities. Any system that can perform well will be considered, whether totally online, or a combination of online and CD. Special consideration will be given to price, flexibility, performance, dependability, and ease of use.

Everything possible will be done to make sure that the Library gets what is best for the Library.

CD vendors have been giving demos during the summer and demonstrator discs have been available for staff to try out. Is there any reason for this? The purpose of these events has simply been an educational one. It was felt that everyone that does any searching is used to doing it online; however, not everyone has necessarily had a chance yet to see what it's like to search a library catalogue on CD. The availability of the free demonstrator discs would give everyone the opportunity to try out this option. These CD products, **APAK** (formerly **PENDRAGON**), **Marcive**, and **Auto-Graphics**, are still available for anyone interested in trying them out through the Vanier Library's Media Centre (7787).

What exactly will be included in this system once it will be up? Initially, public access, database management, and serials check-in and control will be implemented. The circulation function will be integrated at a later stage. This will insure some stability and continuity in the system. Furthermore, the card catalogues will not be discarded as soon as the automated system is in place, "The card catalogue will be moved into the new building, if only as a backup, until we are absolutely satisfied that the new system is functioning properly."

So it seems that the next few months will be very busy ones for Mia Massicotte and her colleagues on the Team. Let's wish them good luck and stay tuned for further developments in the new year!!!

Mia Massicotte
Luigina Vileno

The Concordia Shuffle II; or, an Observation

On a muggy Friday afternoon, September 27, 1991, students, staff and faculty waited anxiously for **Dr. Kenniff** to fire the starting shot. After three unsuccessful attempts, he handed the gun over to a woman, who persuaded it to fire!

Passers-by greeted participants along the route with big smiles, waves and hellos. The mood was jovial; the air, rich with conversation, not dampened by the presence of a police escort.

While some people completed the 6.5 km walk-a-thon from the Sir George Williams Campus to Loyola Campus in a 1.5 hour mad dash, others found it a long stretch: in their words, "it took forever".

Once we reached the finish line, we dragged our tired toes over to the counter to get our pink slips stamped "completed." Someone cried, "Yahoo, let's party!" In a flash we headed toward the Guadagni Lounge. There we found lots of goodies to munch on - sandwiches, danishes, etc. - but, to our disappointment, NO AVAILABLE SEATS! During the munching and partying, Dr. Kenniff announced that the winner of a pair of Bauer skates was our own **Charlotte MacLaurin**. Hooray for you, Charlotte, enjoy the skates! For the rest of us, we have our memories of a grand time.

Boi May Ang

"The FAX ma'am... just the FAX"

Every now and again a well intentioned FAX goes astray. Here is how to make sure your FAX ends up at the right destination.

Internal: press the four digit FAX number just as you would the phone.

External: press nine (9) then the seven digit FAX number.

External long distance: press one (1) then enter the area code followed by the seven digit FAX number.

Overseas: press nine (9) followed by the **pause button**, the digits **011**, **pause button**, the **country code**, **pause button** again then the **FAX number**. Country codes can be found in the telephone directory.

EXAMPLE: 9 pause 011 pause country code pause fax number

NOTE: for overseas messages pauses will also be needed to break up the FAX number. There is no rule as to where the pauses should be inserted. Usually the best place in a 7-8 digit number is after the 3rd digit, however, several tries may be necessary before the FAX is successfully sent.

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